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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2008, the term having been extended for two months to expire January 19, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Petition for Extension of Time for two months and fee** is attached.